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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 August 2003.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 41-59 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 41-59 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau.(PCT.Rule.17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/5/04.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) The invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

(b) The invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 41-44 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Tsujimoto (U.S. Patent # 6,288,524).

Tsujimoto discloses claimed invention a DC-DC converter (figure 4), including a comparator (figure 4, item 104) and a first signal (figure 4, from item 103) and an offset signal (figure 4, item 1), pulse width modulation (PWM) (column 1, line 15-20), the output voltage different than pre established value (column line 35-45), a pair of switches (figure 4, item M1 and M2).

3. Claims 47-49 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wilcox et al. (U.S. Patent # 5,847,554).

Wilcox et al. disclose the claimed invention a DC-to-DC converter (figure 1-3), a means for comparing (figure 1, item 120), an offset determined (column 1, line 55-65), and

converter output towards pre-established value (column 2, line 1-65+ and column 4, line 1-10), pulse width modulated signal (column 3, line 1-5).

4. Claims 50 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Barkaro (U.S. Patent # 5,949,224).

Barkaro discloses claimed invention a DC-DC converter (figure 1, and column 1, line 10-15), a comparator (figure 1, item 4 and 5), the converter towards a pre established value (Abstract, line 1-7).

5. Claims 52-59 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Redl et al. (U.S. Patent # 6,229,292).

Redl et al. disclose the claimed invention a DC-DC converter (figure 1,9,13 and 16), a comparator (figure 1, item 22 and 28), a comparator, pulse width modulator and reference voltage, a microprocessor (column 3, line 40-70+), a pair of switches (figure 1, item 12 and 16 and metal oxide semiconductor field transistor (column 2, line 10-15).

Note : There is a possibility of double patening.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rajnikant B Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-2082. The examiner can normally be reached on 6.30-5.00; m-f.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Sherry can be reached on 571-272-2084. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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